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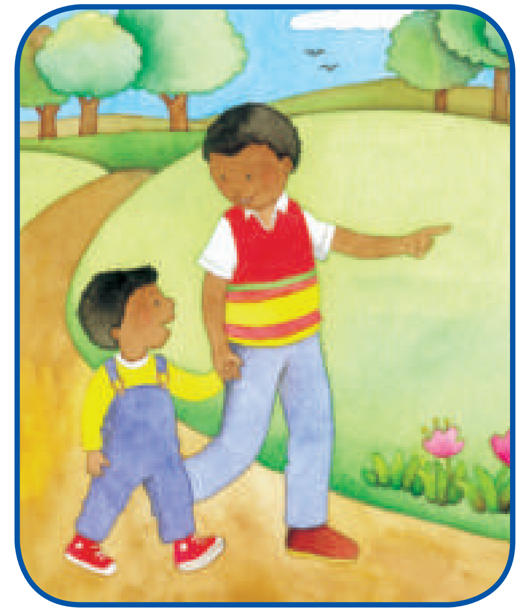
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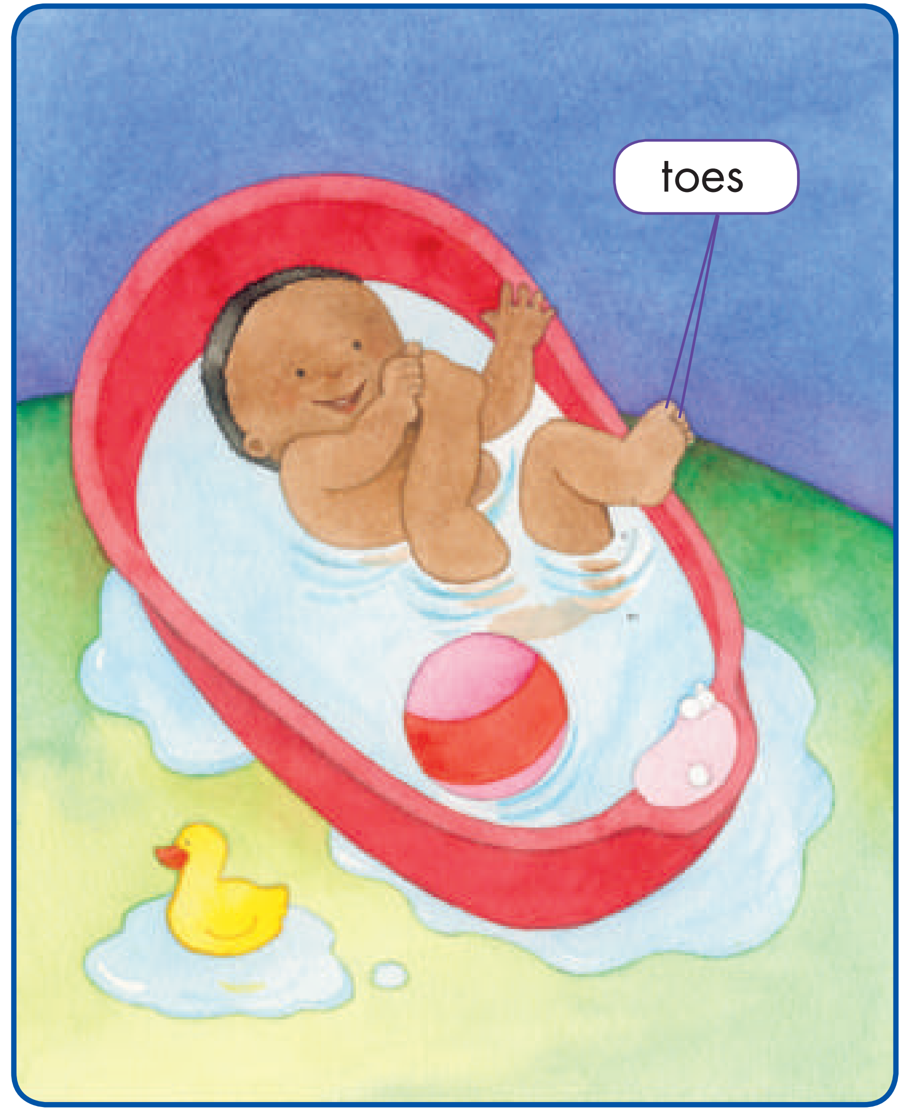
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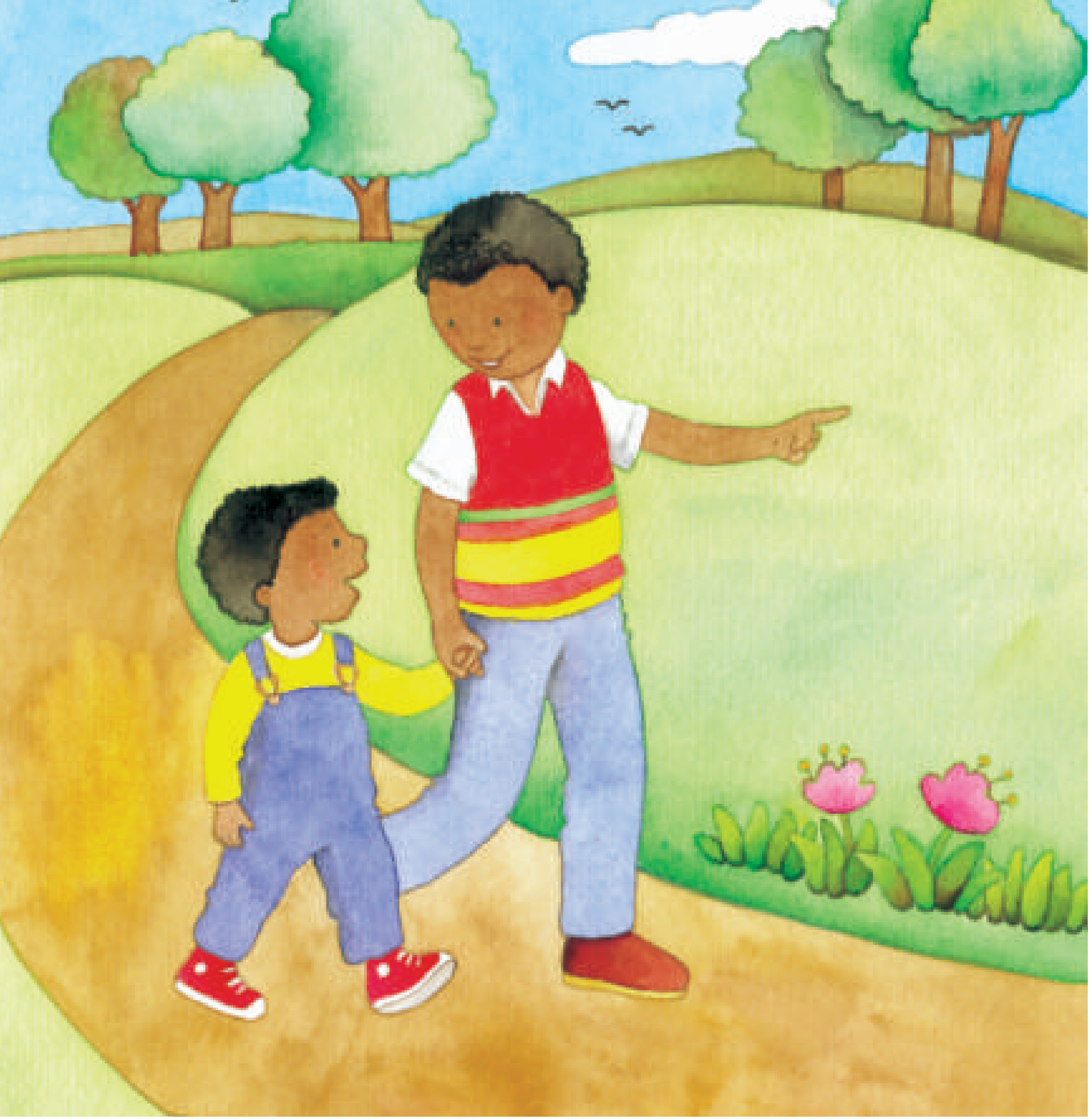
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"You will love your little brother."
My mother told me that.
I remember.



My little brother splashed in his bath.
He played with his toes.
He always smiled at me.



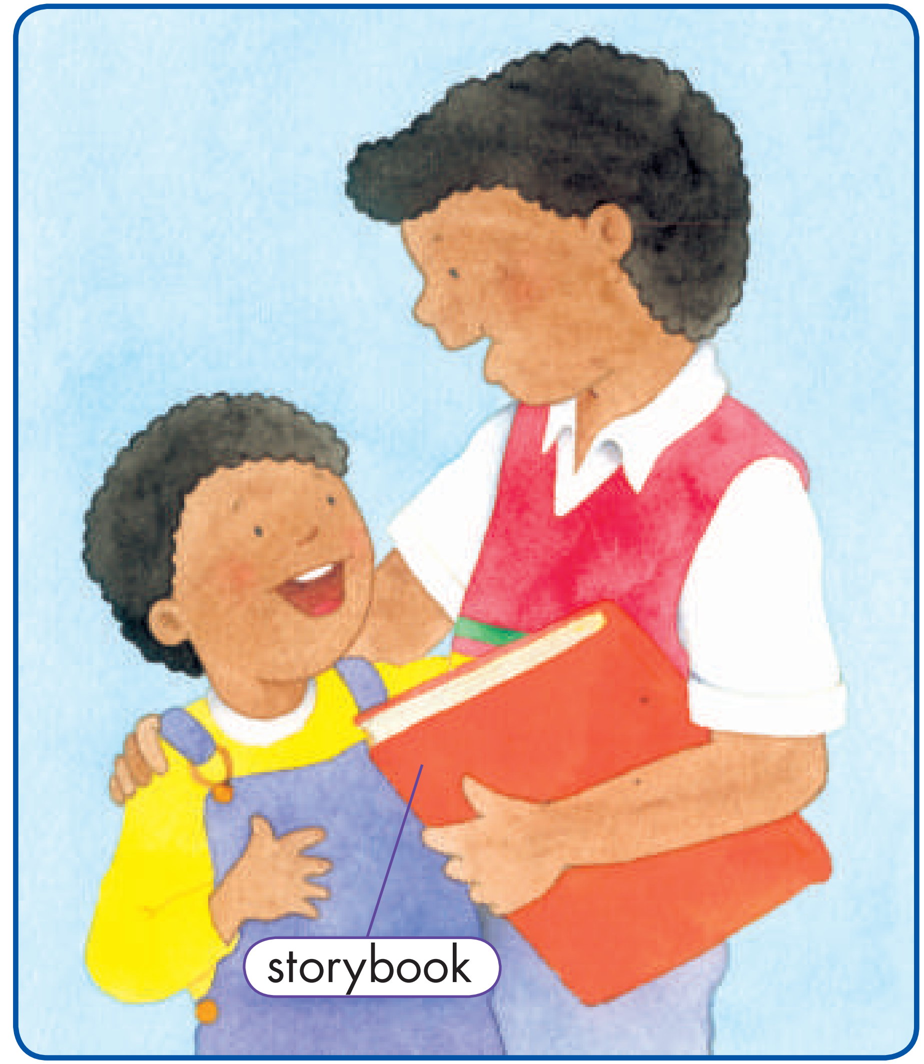
Then he got bigger.
Things changed!
Now he can walk.





I like to feed birds.
He scares them away.
I like to build block houses.
He knocks them down.





I am the big brother.
Sometimes I have to help him.
I tie his shoes.
I comb his hair.

I read him stories.
I sing funny songs to him.
We laugh a lot.
Sometimes we cannot stop laughing.



Every night we go to our room.
We say good night.
I always hug my little brother.
Why? Because I love him!

Talk About It

1. What things did the little brother do in the story?
2. What things did the big brother do to take care of his little brother?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write about things sisters and brothers can do.
   Start by writing:
   A sister can ________.
   A brother can _______.
   Draw a picture for each.

Extend Language

The little brother splashed. He played. He can laugh. The words **splash, play,** and **laugh** are verbs. They tell actions. Can you think of verbs for other actions that children can do?

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